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THIRD COMMISSION

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1. WE SHARE PERMDEL'S VIEW THAT THIS ITEM COULD BE
POSTPONED.
2. AT THIS POINT, WE ARE KEEPING AN OPEN MIND WHETHER TO
SUPPORT OR OPPOSE WYNTER'S (JAMAICA) PROPOSAL TO
AMALGAMATE THREE EXISTING COMMITTEES INTO A NEW "THIRD
COMMISSION". WE ARE NOT ENTIRELY PERSUADED BY PERMDEL'S
SUGGESTED ARGUMENTS FOR OPPOSING WYNTER'S PROPOSAL BECAUSE
AN EquALLY CONVINCING CASE CAN BE MADE FOR SUPPORTING
THEM. FOR INSTANCE, COMBINING THREE BODIES INTO ONE
WOULD ENHANCE EFFICIENCY AND, MOST IMPORTANLTY, REDUCE
COSTS.
3. PERMDEL'S POINT THAT COMMISSION WOULD HAVE "TOO MUCH
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POLITICAL POWER" APPEARS TO REST ON ASSUMPTION (CONTRARY

TO OUR EXPECTATIONS) THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD EXPECT SUCH A COMMISSION TO ENHANCE RATHER THAN DIMINISH U.S. INFLUENCE. COMMISSION MIGHT ALSO OFFER ADVANTAGE OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF FORA IN WHICH POLITICAL ISSUES CAN ARISE AND THEREBY CURTAILING THE DISCORD THAT INEVITABLY RESULTS.

4. WE FAIL TO UNDERSTAND OTHER MAJOR POINT MADE BY PERMDEL, THAT COMMISSION WOULD TAKE AWAY EXISTING OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE BOARD'S SESSIONS. COMMITTEES IT WOULD REPLACE TEND TO MEET JUST BEFORE OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER EXBD MEETINGS, ANYWAY, AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS REALLY FILLING GAPS BETWEEN BOARD SESSIONS. WE ENTIRELY AGREE ON IMPORTANCE OF LATTER BUT DO NOT FEEL COMMISSION WOULD INTERFERE WITH ITS ACHIEVEMENT. INDEED, COMMISSION MIGHT FACILITATE IT BY PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. TO WORK FOR IT QUIETLY WITHIN SMALL, INFLUENTIAL GROUP. ADOPTION OF SWEDISH AMENDMENT (ITEM 3.8) WOULD, OF COURSE, BE MAJOR STEP IN DIRECTION OF ENABLING PERMDELS (AND THEREFORE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS) TO CONTRIBUTE MORE EFFECTIVELY TO UNESCO'S WORK BETWEEN BOARD SESSIONS.

5. WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF PERMDEL WOULD (1) REPORT ASAP VIEW OF OTHER PERMDELS ON WYNTER'S PROPOSAL AND (2) AMPLIFY ITS REASONS FOR OPPOSING. KISSINGER

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